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MIRACLE SURGERY SAVES BOY

Torrance Lad Beats Odds In Operation

By GREGG PETERSON
Herald Staff Writer

Experimental science is currently going through a tremendous buffeting of its own making. Deformed babies and dying mothers are a part of today's headlines. Despite setbacks in some areas, medical science is racing ahead, as Timmy McCabe has discovered every day of his eight-year life.

Timmy was born without abdominal muscles. If not immediately fatal, the condition arrests the victim's life before he is 21, or so approximately 100 previous cases have shown. But it will not be so in Timmy's case. He will live and enjoy a normal life after five doctors spent five hours over him on July 17 giving him new abdominal muscles.

DOCTORS CALL such rare cases "prune bellies." Timmy was born without abdominal muscles, his internal organs swollen, infected and out of place.

The operation, preceded by five other surgeries and 13 hospitalizations, gave Timmy support for the distended abdominal muscles previously held in by corsets and tight jeans.

Attempting the most extensive surgery of its kind in medical history, doctors first opened the abdomen and put the organs in their proper place. Then the abdominal tissue was pleated, to take up slack, and stitched together like a vest.

WHEN THEY had finished with the first stage, doctors had 10 extra inches of skin. Then a long muscle running down the side of each leg from the hip was severed and fastened to the 10th rib on the opposite side. In effect, Timmy now wears a pair of suspenders, crossed in front instead of in back.

Shorter lengths of the same muscles were stretched across the lower abdomen to give additional support and anchor the ligaments. The muscle tissue is still living since it was left connected to the hip.

Loss of the leg muscles, called fascia latae, will not keep Timmy from walking or running.

TWO YEARS were spent by doctors looking over medical records researching Timmy's case. Two other, less extensive operations, have been attempted on others—both failed.

This time though, doctors are confident they have succeeded and the tissue will hold and there will be no more surgery required.

Timmy has been and out of Children's Hospital, where all of the surgery was performed, so many times he calls it his "second home."

Hospital experiences started for Timmy at Torrance Memorial, where he was born.

Doctors gave him less than 24 hours to live, but he sur-

prised them and has continued doing so.

X-RAYS TAKEN early in Timmy's life showed he had only one kidney, but later investigation shows he now has two. And so the story goes, with the bright, cheerful youth continually surprising the experts.

But Timmy's mother, Mrs. Marvin McCabe, a member of the Torrance First Lutheran Church, believes Timmy had added help from the start.

When he was born, their congregation was called together and began praying. As Mrs. McCabe says, "Doctors have marvelled at miracle after miracle."

Even at the end of four months, doctors told Timmy's parents, "Give him lots of love—there's nothing we can do for him."

TIMMY BELIEVES there "was no rough part of it."

He was on the hospital Christmas card, and now "They call me a celebrity," he adds.

Studies have proven to be no problem to Timmy, and he plans to enter the fourth grade this fall at the First Lutheran School.

A sister, Grace, 15, and a brother, Jimmie, 6, are normal children. Doctors give no cause of Timmy's condition—it is a congenital malformation.

Timmy's plans for the future include becoming a doctor. "Because I feel I have more training than others."

Moss Named Chairman of CC Banquet

William J. Moss Jr., has been named chairman of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce annual dinner committee, Chamber President Martin Denn announced yesterday.

Moss, president of the M & M Transfer Co., plans to name other chairmen shortly.

The dinner will mark the official installation of recently elected officers and directors of the Chamber. Presentation of the annual Citizen of the Year award will also be made.

Moss is a member of the Rotary Club board of directors. He resides at 157 Via Monte D'Orò in Hollywood Riviera.

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Area Cities To Dedicate Freeway Link

Motorists will be able to travel 4.6 miles further down the San Diego Freeway on Friday following dedication ceremonies of a strip from Harbor Freeway northwesterly to Hawthorne Boulevard in Lawndale. Mayors of 11 cities, including Albert Isen of Torrance, will help celebrate the opening.

Eleven Chamber of Commerce presidents and managers and Los Angeles County Supervisors Kenneth Hahn and Burton Chace also will be present. Cities participating will be

Culver City, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, and Redondo Beach, in addition to Torrance.

THE OPENING involves two sections of the San Diego Freeway. The largest, a 3.5 mile stretch from Harbor Freeway to Artesia Boulevard, was built by Griffith Co. under a \$7,078,000 contract.

Working under a \$3,312,500 contract, Frederickson and Watson and Jack L. Adams Construction Co. built the 1.1 mile section from Artesia Boulevard to Hawthorne Boulevard.

WITHIN ONE year, motorists will have freeway access to Los Angeles International Airport, the University of California at Los Angeles, coastal cities, and the Ventura Freeway.

Next on the construction docket will be a two-mile stretch from Hawthorne Boulevard to 135th Street, scheduled to open in March.

A 4.8 mile stretch from 135th Street to La Tijera Boulevard, due for completion in April, will take the freeway past the Los Angeles International Airport.

IN JUNE, a 1.5 mile section will run from La Tijera Boulevard to Jefferson Boulevard, joining a strip already open from Jefferson Boulevard to Sunset Boulevard.

December is the completion date set for the northerly extension of the freeway from Sunset Boulevard over the

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TOGETHER AGAIN... Timmy McCabe, 8, his mother and brother Jimmie, 6, catch up on family reading. Timmy was born without abdominal muscles, but five preparatory operations and 12 hospitalizations set up a July 17 surgery which made medical history by successfully giving him the muscles he lacked. (Herald Photo)

City's Civil Defense Program Under Study

(Editor's note: This is the first of three articles which The HERALD will publish on the state of civil defense plans in the City of Torrance. Today's article discusses plans now in operation on an area basis, and the co-ordination with regional, state, and national programs. Information for the report has been taken largely from the "Progress Report on Civil Defense" prepared by Orin P. Johnson, administrative assistant to City Manager Wade Peebles and presented to the City Council recently.)

By JERRY REYNOLDS
Herald Staff Writer

Fall-out shelters, atomic bombs, and intercontinental ballistic missiles are commonplace things in today's world. Kids no longer play cowboys and Indians or cops and robbers, but fight nuclear wars in their backyards or build models of the latest ICBMs.

There is another concept that has become all too common too—civil defense—a concept that's tossed about like an old pillow. Even in Torrance, citizens think at once of bomb blasts or enemy aircraft at the very mention of the words, but they seldom remember that it also applies to peace-time disasters.

Civil defense is everyone's responsibility. Its meaning is not limited to atomic bombs and fall-out shelters. The important fact about civil defense—that it is a peace-time function as well as a war-time function—is too often forgotten. Fire and flood, earthquakes, or a serious plane crash in a residential tract can cause as much havoc as an atomic blast.

CIVIL DEFENSE is a preparedness program, worked out in advance, for meeting

such possible disasters with a minimum of time and a maximum effectiveness. It is designed to save lives and help the injured, and then repair the damage.

Such a program has been worked out for the City of Torrance. It was designed in co-operation with other southwestern cities and coordinated with regional and statewide programs.

The keystone of the programs of Torrance and other nearby cities is Area G, a part of a regional program headquartered in Pasadena. Area G covers most of the southwest part of Los Angeles county. It carries the local requirements up through a regional organization and on to the state level. Statewide programs are then coordinated by the federal government through the Office of Civil Defense and Defense Mobilization in the Department of Defense.

AREA G provides the same services to several cities far less than separate programs in each city would cost. It provides information, speakers, and equipment. Instead of forming a separate city department, Torrance has utilized existing organizations to pro-

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Air Plans For Master Plan Route

Councilmen will hold an informal public hearing at 7 p.m. Tuesday evening to consider renaming several streets in order to provide a through route for Van Ness Avenue.

Involved are parts of Arlington Avenue, Border Avenue, Torrance Boulevard, Cabrillo Avenue, and Eshelman Avenue.

Nickolas O. Drale has suggested that the city rename the streets to provide an extension of a major street through the city.

Van Ness Avenue is the extension of Arlington Avenue north of the city limits. The change would provide a master plan street from the Los Angeles civic center through Torrance. The meeting will precede the formal council meeting.

In other matters, the council will consider the installation of sidewalks on Anza Avenue. A report will be submitted to the Council by City Atty. Stanley Remelmeier.

A petition for a zoning variance on Emerald Street to allow for construction of an apartment unit will also be before the council.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think of the accomplishments achieved through the use of Telstar?"

Dave Roberts, 23640 Eshelman:

"I hope that eventually we will be receiving television broadcasts from Europe all the time through such means as Telstar. Better understanding of people in foreign countries is to be accomplished through such broadcasts."



Joe Kimbrough, 299 E. 219th St.:

"It is quite an accomplishment. I haven't seen any of the broadcasts but I imagine it's a forerunner of continuous broadcasts back and forth between the United States and Europe."

Pam Cochran, 3113 Onrado St.:

"It might help us understand people of foreign countries a little better. Such broadcasts will show that the people of the United States are not as mean as the Communists make us out."



Paul Billings, 911 Kornblum:

"It's a pretty good thing because we are getting the news a lot faster than if it were sent by teletype. We are the first to do it and it shows we are doing something with our money."

James F. Russell, 21136 S. Broadway:

"I think it's a great accomplishment. It's something I believe has been coming ever since television was first established. I was surprised to see how good the first transmission were."



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INSPECTION TOUR... Pointing out details of the newest section of the San Diego Freeway to (l to r) Jay Bessley, president of the Inter-City Highway Committee; Mayor Albert Isen of Torrance; Mayor Thomas Thorpe of Lawndale, and Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, is construction worker Daniel Shafer. The four dignitaries inspected the freeway between Hawthorne Boulevard and the Harbor Freeway.